

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GATHERING AND DISSEMINATING QUALITY
PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT ACTIVITY DATA IN AN EXTENDED
ENTERPRISE ENVIRONMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An exemplary embodiment of the invention relates to a
computer-based method and system for gathering and
disseminating quality performance and audit activity data
across an extended enterprise. The system includes a
manufacturing enterprise system comprising a host system
10 operating a web server, an applications server, and a
database manager; a data storage device in communication
with the host system, and at least one terminal for
accessing the host system. The manufacturing enterprise
system runs on a network that is coupled to the Internet and
15 is accessible to a supplier enterprise system identified
with proper permissions. The applications server executes a
set of programs for managing the manufacturing enterprise
system, including the quality information network of the
present invention. Audit scheduling information, reference
20 inquiries, and reporting data are inputted into the
manufacturing enterprise system via the quality information
network tool where analysis, editing, and other functions
are performed on the inputs.